Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Advisor for Management DATE: 1 May 1951

FROM : Chief, Administrative Services

SUBJECT: Revision of Administrative Services T/O.

1. In accordance with the direction of the Assistant Deputy Director (Administration) (General), there has been prepared by the Administrative Services Office the attached operating procedure covering the Vital Materials Program. Also attached is a proposed to be issued in lieu of the existing regulation in that it is more specific with reference to the Vital Materials Program.

2. The program has been established with a view toward combining the Vital Materials Program and the Records Management Program in the operating activities through what we have called an Area Records Officer. It is necessary that such an Area Records Officer be established in each principal activity in CIA in order that there can be one person of sufficiently high caliber, background and experiende with whom our Records Analysis people can deal in order to obtain satisfactory results. Also, the program has been proposed on the basis that each operating activity will be responsible for determining

which of its documents are vital.

The repository, on the other hand, will be operated under 25X1

for which Administrative Services will not be responsible. Therefore, the responsibilities with which the Administrative Services Office is concerned are: (1) that the Vital Materials Program receive the proper attention from all operating and administrative activities, and (2) that there will be a central activity for the reproduction and depositing of all material to be deposited directly in the repository and that adequate procedures are established for this purpose.

h. In addition, a survey of the existing records management program has indicated that the reasons for the delays in initiating this program under CCD have been primarily (1) the lack of personnel in the Records Analysis Section to analyse, process and deposit excess material in the CIA Archives, and (2) personnel are not provided in the various offices to assume the responsibility and devote their full time to records analysis. It is therefore necessary that complete facilities and personnel be provided by the Records Analysis Section for carrying out on a continuing basis a workable and satisfactory program. It is felt that at least two microfilm teams are necessary to implement and maintain a suitable records management program.

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